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Costa Rica asks fast U.S. aid

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Washington (News Bureau)—Costa Rica yesterday requested immediate American military aid to bolster defenses against cross-border raids by Nicaragua's armed forces.

Reacting to Sandinista air attacks inside Costa Rican territory, the San Jose government asked for an immediate dispatch of 60-mm. and 90-mm. machine guns,

ammunition and anti-aircraft rockets, a diplomatic source said.

The administration was studying the request, but one senior U.S. official said the Costa Ricans are "likely to get anything in reason they want."

In Birmingham, Ala., meanwhile, President Reagan yesterday assailed opponents of aid to anti-Sandinista rebels for their "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no

evil attitude" toward Nicaragua.

REAGAN SAID the recent "money run to the Soviet Union" by Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega had proved to many that "the Nicaraguan Communists are no more, and no less, than agents of Soviet expansionism."

Nicaragua has accused Costa Rica of harboring CIA-backed guerrillas fighting to topple the Managua regime. Costa Rica has denied the charge.

Costa Rica has no standing army, but last month President Reagan dispatched 24 American military advisers to Costa Rica to train security forces. Since then, the border war has heated up.

Last Friday, a Costa Rican civil guard unit on routine patrol came under heavy rocket and rifle attack near Las Crucitas. A civil guardsman was killed.

Costa Rica's foreign minis-

ter, Carlos Gutierrez, called for an emergency session of the Organization of American States to take action against the Sandinista armed forces. The OAS meeting opens today.

REAGAN'S latest attack on Ortega and rebuke to critics of his administration's Central American policies came as the Senate prepared to vote on a proposal to funnel \$32 million in "humanitarian" aid to anti-Sandinista rebels.

Confident of Senate approval, Reagan said the next step will be "up to the Democratically controlled House to show the Sandinistas that they're not fooling anybody."

The House is expected to vote soon on a \$27 million version of a "humanitarian" aid package to the contras. The House on April 24 killed all assistance for the contras in a major defeat for Reagan's policy.